

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday August 16th, 2022

MINUTES

On this 16th day of August 2022, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in a Regular City Council Meeting. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Rachel Moreno, Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Terry Cole

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Ronnie Pilcher, Mike Branch, Leslie Lake, Craig McCollum, Scott Brown, Harlan Ray, Mary Bonfanti, Linda Baggett

A. CALL TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call. Public notice of this meeting has been given and a quorum is present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

At this time Mayor Rachel Moreno asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck said the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No guest spoke at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. July 15th, 2022, Special Call Meeting, July 19th, 2022, Regular Meeting, July 27th, 2022, & August 4th, 2022, Special Call Minutes.

Alderman Craig Attaway made motion to approve the July 15th, 2022, Special Call, July 19th, 2022, Regular, July 27th, 2022, Special Call, and August 4th, 2022, Special Call minutes and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. July 2022 Financials

Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck made motion to approve the July 2022 financial reports and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Craig McCollum gave update on July utility department and all utility reports for the sewer system & water system has been completed and sent out

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b) Disconnects on utility water and gas

Disconnected six (6) and all are back on except two (2)

c) Update on bill pay through Munibilling

In the process of getting set up with payment processing company to get this implemented

2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden, updated on getting a bench at the park in memory of the late Mayor Curtis Land. There are many ideas for upgrades to the park, but will step back until we can figure out funding.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing

There were six (6) permits submitted, two (2) pulled by the builder, three (3) went thru the first review process and one (1) permit approved.

b) Setbacks for City in 2009 and 2021

They are the same in both IZC records which depends on the size of the lot as to the setback requirements.

c) Financials (invoices, etc.) requested for Nolan Farms to start audit and review process for bill submitted for phase 1

An email has been sent to Nolan Farms requesting the invoices that coincide with the bill submitted for phase 1.

d) Plans, infrastructure, and subdivisions are being reviewed by AOKA.

Working with AOKA to get everything together for the project.

e) Visit by Senator Bryan Hughes

The visit was with one of his representatives for our area who updated us on what is coming up this legislative session and encourages everyone to get involved.

f) Visited with WISD Superintendent Mr. Miller about crosswalks across Wildcat Dr.

Spoke with Region 7 and they say its not clear on the responsibility of a crosswalk on city streets going onto school property. I spoke with the bus barn, and they are going to include a bus stop at Nolan Farms for pick-up and drop off.

g) SPI will be attending the next commissioner's court to with the court the ARPA fund grant for the city and where we are with TWDB

SPI informed the city that they were going to go back to the next commissioner's court to propose the full project before them for funding, hopefully we will have an answer soon on the funding of the sewer project. We are still complying with the TWDB.

h) Response to the EPA letter that was received

The city received a letter from the EPA regarding their inspection of the sewer plant requesting a response. With the assistance of Benji Gresham (WWTP Consultant) the city was able to get the response back in a timely manner. The EPA responded that it would look over the submission and let us know if any further action would be needed.

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- i) Update on the fines the city is paying to TCEQ and the RRC**
The fines to TCEQ have been paid in full and the fines to the RRC have a balance of \$13,500.
- j) Letters to go out with bills to advise of the rules regarding living in an RV within the city limits**
This letter will go out with the September bills
- k) MOA options being discussed with the Sheriff's Office.**
As of now we are just getting information and exploring our options.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion and possible action to approve the final audit for the 2020/2021 FY.**
Audit presented by Mary with Acker and Co. Alderman Terry Cole made motion to accept the audit with the correction on page 32 on the ratio from 1:1 to 2:1 and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Smith County 911 operating budget for the FY 2022/2023.**
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to accept the budget as presented and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Discussion and possible action to on removing Alderman Terry Cole as a signer on the city bank accounts at 1st National Bank of Hughes Springs and Southside Bank and add the Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck.**
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to approve adding Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to set a proposed tax rate for the 2022 taxing year.**
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to table this discussion till the September meeting and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget, to include purchasing new vehicles, golf cart, equipment for the utility department, possible pay increases for the following employees: Carl Jones, Carl "Bo" Ingerson, Steven Craig McCollum, and allowance for an additional full-time future employee with the utility department, Candy Folley Utility/Court Clerk, and Deana Powell City Secretary for the 2022/2023 fiscal year and anything else related to the FY budget for a full discussion.**

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Alderman Terry Cole made motion to increase the spending in the utility department budget to \$175,000 with an ongoing annual allowance of \$1500 per month for vehicles, golf cart, and/or equipment needed, the salary rates will increase to the rates presented at the August meeting with the new employee starting at \$14 budget is to be updated and brought back for final approval at the September meeting and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on the stipend for the mayor position and anything else related to the mayor or council pay for a full discussion.

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to approve adding to the mayor stipend free utilities during their time as mayor and to add 50% up to \$50 utility stipend for each council member during their time on the council and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to review with the possibility of change to the utility ordinance to reflect aerobic systems with not capable of connecting to city sewer lines and anything else related to the sewer system for a full discussion.

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to change the ordinance to add aerobic system in place of conventional system and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; 0 opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action to update current mobile home ordinance 148 to clarify the grandfathered mobile home clause.

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to table this discussion until further information is available and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

4 in favor; 0 opposed, 1 absent. Motion carried majority vote.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve on the estimates for the repairs to the paddle wheel at the wastewater treatment plant.

Alderman Craig Attaway made motion to go with the repair to the paddle wheel and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; 0 opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to convene into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consult with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personal Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development). This session is session.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:03 pm.
Seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the council, this meeting was adjourned.

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary